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**REDDING ATTORNEY SENTENCED FOR**  
**POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that RONALD ALLEN LYERLA, 66, of Redding, a former workers' compensation attorney, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. to 6 ½ years in federal prison and 5 years of supervised release. LYERLA will be required to register as a sex offender when released from prison. The defendant pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography on April 11, 2006.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who prosecuted the case, Judge England, in sentencing the defendant, reminded him that his was not a victimless crime; as long as there is a market for possessing and viewing child pornography, children will continue to be victimized and sexually exploited.

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